

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 92

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Relative to the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 30, Anderson. CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 15 in the County of San Diego as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

WHEREAS, CHP Officer Daniel Nava Benavides was born on November 27, 1970, in Monterrey, Mexico. His mother, Consuelo, a resident of San Jose, California, went to Mexico to be with family for the birth and shortly thereafter returned to San Jose; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benavides graduated from Andrew Hill High School in San Jose in 1989 and attended Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Officer Benavides, badge number 15193, graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy as a pilot officer and was assigned to the Monterey area; and

WHEREAS, After 33 months of service in the Monterey area, Officer Benavides served in San Jose from 1999 to 2000, in San Diego from 2000 to 2003, in Oceanside from 2003 to 2005, and in the Border Division Thermal Air Operations Unit from 2005 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benavides was married to his best friend, Megan Stanton, in 2000 and their beautiful daughter, Madeline Christine, was born later that year; and

WHEREAS, On May 7, 2010, Officer Benavides began his shift at 7:30 a.m. working speed enforcement for the air operations unit; and

WHEREAS, Approximately two hours later, Officer Benavides was en route to State Highway Route 8 to work speed enforcement in the El Centro area, when his Cessna 206 airplane crashed in a remote area of the Anza-Borrego Desert in Borrego Springs, California; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benavides is survived by his wife, Megan, their daughter, Madeline, his mother, Consuelo, and stepfather Forrest Hilton; and

WHEREAS, Officer Benavides was a hard-working, dedicated officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with. He was known

for being a loyal family man and a wonderful father and husband. His greatest joys were his wife and daughter and spending time with friends and family. He had an incredible sense of humor and a keen sense of knowledge of music and computers. In his spare time, Officer Benavides enjoyed camping, scuba diving, barbequing, and anything to do with sports; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Benavides's great contributions, service, and sacrifice in service of the California Highway Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting tribute to designate a portion of State Highway Route 15 in the County of San Diego as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the portion of State Highway Route 15 between Gopher Canyon Road milepost marker 40.84 and the Old Highway 395 overcrossing milepost marker 43.28 in the County of San Diego as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.